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AND RIVER**

The steamer Lurline was a bit off her schedule last evening, but got away in good time, with the following people: A. F. Weston, O. Goltz, H. E. Dupty, W. Dickerson, H. A. Espey, Miss G. A. Layman, and Mrs. A. N. Bohn. Her genial purser, Harry Blanchard, came down on the "ship" last evening, and is mending rapidly from his late affliction.

The steamer Homer arrived in from San Francisco last evening and docked at the Callender for an hour discharging freight, and then went on to Portland. As the Homer passed the Coos Bay bar on Monday evening the tug was just making fast to the disabled steamer M. F. Plant, which was to be towed to the Bay City.

The lighthouse tender Heather, Captain Byrne, made a trip to Tillamook Rock and to Lightship No. 50, yesterday, returning to her berth at the Parker House dock in the evening.

The British steamship Bankfields, from the West Coast of Africa, arrived in port yesterday morning early, and went on to Portland where she will load out wheat for Europe. All well on board, and the trip uneventful.

The schooner Americana, lumber laden for the Orient, came down the river on the hawsers of the Harvest Queen yesterday and will probably leave out this morning.

Wesley Welch, well known in this city is now on board the Standard



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**SECOND WARD CAUCUS
WAS HUGE JOKE**

DURING CAUCUS DEMOCRATS
ALLEGEDLY BALLOT BOX WAS
SIMPLY STUFFED FULL.

Dr. W. C. Logan last evening announced that he cannot possibly accept the nomination accorded him for the Common Council at the convention of the so-called Citizens' convention. Dr. Logan had previously filed his petition as a Democrat, for the four-year term from the Second ward; while the nomination given him by the convention was as a non-partisan for the two-year term. Hence it would be impossible for him to run on both.

"I filed as a Democrat," said Dr. Logan "to a representative of the Astorian," and it would not be possible for me to accept the nomination for the two-year term given me by the Citizens' convention. Besides, the manner of giving me that nomination perhaps would not be deemed entirely satisfactory."

That is all that Dr. Logan would say. His announcement means that both he and George Kaboth, both Democrats and both members of the present Council, will be active competitors for the same four-year term from the Second ward. But while Dr. Logan would not say any more about the matter, doubtless he could tell much of what he heard of the Second ward caucus that nominated him.

It is charged that in the Second ward caucus there were only 66 voters present, by actual count. It is further charged that while there were only 66 men present, that there were between 130 and 140 votes cast. Some say that one time there were 205 votes cast.

This is so "raw" that it has created much merriment and guffaws of laughter all over town. One well known citizen, a well known Democrat, too, is not backward in telling how he saw one man put in 10 ballots at the one time. Another man is said to have put in 20 ballots. All of which is staggering, so egregiously "raw" that it almost ceases to be unlawful and dishonorable and becomes merely a huge joke. One American citizen votes ten times; another American citizen votes 20 times; out of 66 voters actually present from 130 to 205 votes are cast.

The funniest part of it all—and the worst part of it all—seems to be that the whole matter is true. The authority by which the Astorian states this is all from the Democratic side, and it cannot be laid to partisanship. Probably it will be a good many years before Astoria forgets this Second ward caucus.

It is not hard to understand the reason for all this pernicious activity in Second ward politics.

Mr. Kaboth and Dr. Logan are both candidates for the same seat in the Council, for the four-year term. Mr. Kaboth avers that Dr. Logan is breaking his solemnly given promise in running at all; Mr. Kaboth states that in the presence of three others of the charter amendment committee Dr. Logan stated positively and unequivocally that he would not run for Council; that he would be amply content with a place on the proposed Seawall Commission. With this understanding, Mr. Kaboth says that he went ahead and announced himself as a candidate for the four-year term, believing that Dr. Logan would not run at all.

Dr. Logan denies all this. "It is not true," he said last evening. "I never made any such a promise; Mr. Kaboth is mistaken."

That Mr. Kaboth had anything to do with the extraordinary order of the voters in the caucus at the convention may be doubted, but it evidently had occurred to some of Mr. Kaboth's friends that if Dr. Logan were nominated for the two-year term this would either embarrass him or, perhaps, might even make him withdraw as a competitor of Mr. Kaboth and run for the two-year term. But Dr. Logan spoils this deep-laid plan by simply looking into his opponent's hand and stating that he stands pat.

Hence the Second ward will witness a fight between two of its favorite sons, and both Democrats. The other candidate—Attorney C. J. Curtis—is a Republican, and it now looks as if he is to walk away with the two-year term without any opposition.

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**STORY OF HASSALO'S
LATEST TROUBLE**

**FINE STEAMER GETS TANGLED
UP IN FOG WITH FISH
TRAPS, BARGES, ETC.**

At 10 minutes past 2 o'clock yesterday morning, as the O. R. & N. steamer Hassalo, en route to this city, from Portland, was nearing Stella, and rounding to, to make her landing there, she crashed sideling, into the outer of the three barges bound up stream on the hawsers of the tug Hercules; the nose of the great rock-barge cutting through her port rail and wrecking the steamer's galley beyond ordinary redemption. The Hassalo staggered clear of the barge, and narrowly grazing the stem of the steamship Geo. W. Elder which was lying at anchor in the dense fog, nearby, swung down into a lot of fish traps knocking out dolphins as she went. Finally, she got straightened out and Captain Anderson ran her alongside the Stella docks, where she disembarked her 40-odd passengers and transferred them by launch to Maygers and let them take the A. & C. Railway line to Astoria while such as were bound for northshore points were turned over to the Kamm agent for transportation on the Lurline when she should arrive down.

She left up for Portland later in the day, having been relieved of her down freight by the steamer Harvest Queen, which left this city at 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of taking over the Hassalo's freight run to this point.

The Astorian's information in this matter comes direct from a passenger on board the Hassalo, who, by the way was thrown from his berth and who found himself on the main-deck, en deshabille, with a life-preserver in his hand, along with dozens of other people in the same predicament all of whom were possessed of the notion that the steamer was sinking, owing, as this gentleman said, to the fog which encircled the boat and reached up to her main-deck and apparently no higher, hesembling water more than it did fog.

The Hassalo seems to be strictly in it of late, and the friends of the line hope that her gamut of disaster is run at last and that they are not to be subjected to any more startling episodes, especially at such unseemly hours.

There is one feature of this transaction that was complained of in no qualified terms in this city yesterday by some of the people who were on the Hassalo, and that is, that the passengers were put on board the launch and had to pay their own fares across the river and then on the train to this city, the only satisfaction given them being that they might file such claims as they thought they had in the premises; which was deemed to be rather shabby by treatment under the circumstances; and it is intimated that certain distinct and notable claims will be entered by some of the people thus turned loose.

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